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## **MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND MAXIMUM TANK SIZING FOR PORTABLE WASTEWATER HOLDING TANKS USED AT CAMPGROUNDS AND MOBILE FOOD TAKEOUT FACILITIES WITHOUT ACCESS TO A DIRECT SEWER CONNECTION**

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**PURPOSE:** This policy is written to specify the minimum construction standards and maximum tank liquid capacity for portable wastewater holding tanks used at campgrounds and mobile food takeout facilities without access to a direct sewer connection.

**SCOPE:** This policy will include all campgrounds and mobile food takeout facilities licensed by the Health Inspection Program.

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### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Portable wastewater holding tank:** Mobile tank specifically designed and manufactured for the transport of wastewater with a maximum liquid capacity of fifty (50) gallons. Constructed of blow molded polyethylene, wheels front and rear for easy pulling and maneuvering, bayonet pipe fittings, vent, and tow handle.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** HIP personnel and Local Plumbing Inspectors shall refer to this policy to determine proper handling of wastewater at campsites and mobile food takeout facilities without access to a direct sewer connection.

**POLICY & PROCEDURE:** All portable wastewater holding tanks must meet the requirements per the above definition. The facility must control all use of portable wastewater holding tanks and assure that all portable wastewater holding tanks are properly filled and emptied so that wastewater is not spilled. Portable wastewater holding tanks must be transported to a Department approved dump station to be emptied or pumped out in place. If the facility pumps portable wastewater holding tanks, holding tanks in recreation vehicles and or mobile food takeout facilities the pumping must be done by trained operators of equipment specifically designed and manufactured for pumping and transport of wastewater. All operators must be trained in proper spill containment and cleanup.

**ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:** Rules Relating to Campgrounds (10-144A CMR 205) and Maine Food Code (10-144 CMR 200), Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules (10-144 CMR 241).

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